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SUBJ: CONTINUATION OF INSPECTION TEAM MEMBER BURROUGH TO
COLOMBIA

1. AS YOU KNOW, INSPECTOR HELEN BURROUGH IS ASSIGNED TO ARA/
NC INSPECTION TEAM FOR VENEZUELAN PHASE OF INSPECTION ONLY.
SHE WOULD LIKE TO CONTINUE THROUGH ATL PHASES OF THE INSPECTION
(INCLUDING BOGOTA) TO INCREASE THE VALUE OF HER PARTICIPATION
BOTH TO DOC AND DOS. HER INSPECTION IN COLOMBIA WOULD ALLOW
HER TO LOOK AT A COUNTRY IN WHICH OTHER IMPORTANT
DOC INTERESTS ARE PRESENT AND WOULD GIVE HER A PERSPECTIVE IN
WHICH TO JUDGE GROWING U.S. TRADE INTERESTS IN VENEZUELA.
FOR EXAMPLE, CONSIDERATION OF THE COLOMBIAN ATTITUDE TOWARD
S/S. INVESTMENT (PARTICULARLY IN CONTEXT OF THE ANDEAN PACT)
WOULD ALLOW HER TO LOOK AT THIS IMPORTANT USG INTERESTS IN THE
REGION. SHE WOULD THUS BE ABLE TO CONSIDER, AS DO OTHER TEAM
MEMBERS, ALL ASPECTS C&R FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS TAKEN AS
A WHOLE, THUS MAKING MAXIMUM CONTRIBUTION TO INSPECTION PROCESS.

2. MISS BURROUGH HAS CONTRIBUTED WELL TO TEAM ACTIVITIES IN
VENEZUELA NOT ONLY IN ASSESSING COMMERCIAL PROGRAMS BUT ALSO
IN EVALUATION QUESTIONS OF MISSION MORALE AND PERSONNEL PROGRAMS.
I WOULD BE GLAD TO HAVE HER CONTINUE WITH THE TEAM IN COLOMBIA,
BUT RECOGNIZE THAT SINCE FUNDING FOR HER TRIP COMES FROM
DOC, THIS MUST BE A MATTER FOR ITS ULTIMATE DECISION WITH YOUR
CONCURRENCE. I UNDERSTAND DOC DECISION LIES PRIMARILY WITH
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CHARLES HOSTLER, DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF INTERNATIONAL COMMERCE.

3. EARLY REPLY WOULD BE APPRECIATED, AS TEAM SCHEDULED DEPART
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